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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM-TWA ROUTE SWAPS

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- 1. TWA PARIS-BASED REP CHARLES ZAMBELLO CALLED AT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT LAST FRIDAY TO DISCUSS PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING FOR PERMIT AND FILING OF FLIGHT SCHEDULES. HE TALKED WITH DR. VOGL AND DR. KOENIG OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT. THEY ADVISED HIM THEY ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTIES IN PROCESSING APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT AND FLIGHT SCHEDULE. ZAMBELLO SAID MEETING WITH CIVIL AVIATION REPS WENT VERY SMOOTHLY. NEITHER PARTY RAISED QUESTION OF CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE BILATERAL.
- 2. ZAMBELLO HAD BEEN PREPARED TO SUBMIT LETTER OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT AND FLIGHT SCHEDULE FRIDAY (FEB 7), BUT HE WAS ADVISED AT LAST MINUTE THAT TWA HEADQUARTERS IS IN PROCESS OF FURTHER REVISING FLIGHT SCHEDULE WITH A VIEW TO POSSIBLY ELIMINATING ZURICH ALTHOGETHER AND HAVING SERVICES ONLY BY WAY OF GENEVA. ZAMBELLO HAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO DELAY SUBMITTING LETTER OF APPLICATION AND FILING FLIGHT SCHEDULE UNTIL HE HEARS FURTHER FROM TWA HEADQUARTERS. HE NOW PLANS ON SUBLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MITTING APPLICATION AND SCHEDULES EITHER BY LETTER

THIS WEEK OR IN PERSON WHEN HE RETURNS TO VIENNA FEBRUARY 17.

3. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY, VOGL SAID MINISTRY WOULD APPROVE ANY FLIGHT PLAN SUBMITTED BY TWA WHICH IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BILATERAL. AT SAME TIME, VOGL STRESSED HOWEVER THAT AUSTRIANS WILL INSIST ON BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 14.

4. DR. SIEGL OF AUA CALLED EMBASSY FRIDAY TO SAY HE HAD PROPOSED TO ZAMBELLO THAT TWA CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF WAIVING EXERCISE OF FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS RE GENEVA AND ZURICH. SIEGL SAID EXERCISE OF SUCH RIGHTS WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE TO AUA AND MIGHT FORCE AUA TO DISCONTINUE ITS OWN GENEVA SERVICES. SIEGL STRESSED AUA'S DESIRE FOR CLOSE COOPERATION WITH TWA AND SAID THAT WITH EXCEPTION OF FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS MATTER TWA COULD COUNT ON AUA'S ASSISTANCE IN ITS OPERATIONS HERE.

5. THUS FAR, WE HAVE HAD NO FOREIGN MINISTRY REACTION TO EMBASSY'S NOTE REPORTED REF A. OR DEPT'S NOTE CONTAINED REF B. HUMES

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